

REMARKS

Claims 14-17, 19, and 20 were pending. Claims 15-17 stand allowed, claim 14 is rejected, and claims 19 and 20 are objected to as depending from a rejected claim. Claim 14 is cancelled herein without prejudice. Claim 19 is amended to incorporate the language of previous claim 14. No new matter has been added.

In light of these amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 19 and 20, in addition to previously allowed claims 15-17.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by the Trefzer et al. reference (*J. Dermatolog. Sci.* (1998) 16:S110), for reasons of record. Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have cancelled claim 14 herein without prejudice. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the Chen et al. reference (*J. Mol. Med.* (1998) 76:B11) in view of the Kerr and Thorpe reference (*Immunochimistry LabFax*, pages xi, X, and 120), for reasons of record. Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have cancelled claim 14 herein without prejudice. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Claim objections

The Examiner objected to claims 19 and 20 as depending from a rejected base claim, but stated that claims 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To further prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 19 to incorporate the language of previous claim 14, from which claim 19 depended. Applicants also have amended claim 20 to incorporate the language of previous claim 14 and claim 19, from which claim 20 depended.

In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claims 19 and 20.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that in addition to claims 15-17, claims 19 and 20 also are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent if such would further prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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